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LETTER DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit three notes verbales with attachments dated 1 September 1992, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington to the Embassy of Pakistan to be forwarded to the United States Department of State on the violation of territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter was circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I

Note verbale dated 1 September 1992 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to quote the attached messages, in two copies - the original text and an unofficial translation, received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text of the messages be transmitted to the United States Department of State and that our office be informed of their response at the Embassy's earliest convenience.

Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships positioned in the Sea of Oman and the Persian Gulf have created a nuisance for Iranian civilian helicopters on the following dates and hours:

1. On 24 March 1992 at 1530 hours, a helicopter No. 212 with registration mark EP-HBG carrying nine passengers while in flight from Khark Island to Forouzan oil platform and returning therefrom, was warned twice by a United States aircraft carrier and six warships at a distance of 30 miles south-west of Khark Island. The United States warship asked the helicopter its speed and altitude and eventually the flight was disrupted. Then one Sikorsky helicopter and seven fighter aircraft flew from the aircraft carrier and intercepted said helicopter at a distance of 10 miles from its origin.

2. On 27 March 1992 at 0915 hours an Iranian helicopter with registration mark EP-HBG belonging to the Helicopter Services Agency in flight from Khark Island to Forouzan oil platform was intercepted by five United States aircraft, and at 0942 hours, on its way back, seven United States aircraft, by interfering with the ADF of the helicopter tried to change its course.

3. On 27 March 1992 at 1300 hours an Iranian Bell helicopter No. 212 and registration mark EP-HBG en route from Khark Island to Forouzan oil platform was warned by a United States aircraft at about 35 miles south-west of the island. The United States aircraft, by flying very close to the helicopter, caused an interruption to the ADF navigation system of the helicopter.

These actions of United States warships and aircraft, intercepting, warning and creating nuisances for the Islamic Republic of Iran's civilian helicopters, are clear violations of recognized international laws and a clear aggression on the sovereignty of an independent State.

Therefore the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests the unlawful, obstinate and unjustifiable actions which are contrary to all government treaties that are in accordance with international rules and demands that they be stopped at once.

Evidently the United States Government would be fully responsible for the consequences of these actions.

Annex II

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships positioned in the Sea of Oman and the Persian Gulf have created a nuisance for Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft on the following dates and hours:

1. On 26 January 1992 at 0938 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2530 and E5430, from a distance of 28 miles away, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2559 and E5415, not to get closer.

2. On 20 February 1992 at 1040 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2830 and E5030 warned an Iranian helicopter known as 702 Ziafat en route from Bousher to Fars Island, whose position was N2825 and E5025.

3. On 24 March 1992, a United States warship at the position of N2512 and E5454, from a distance of 35 miles away, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2547 and E5454, not to get closer to the warship.

4. On 27 March 1992 at 1020 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2521 and E5658, from a distance of 14 miles away, warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2533 and E5648, not to get closer to the warship.

5. On 26 January 1992, at 0942 hours, two United States F-14 aircraft at the position of N2539 and E5421 intercepted an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft for a period of 10 minutes.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such illegal actions by the Government of the United States.

Annex III

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships positioned in the Sea of Oman and the Persian Gulf have created a nuisance for Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft on the following dates and hours:

On 29 May 1992 at 1045 hours a Bell helicopter No. 212 with registration mark EP-HBJ and at an altitude of 1,000 feet en route from Khark Island to Forouzan oil platform was intercepted by a United States Black Hawk helicopter which was camouflaged in army colours on a course of 210 degrees; the United States helicopter was flying very close to the left of the Iranian Bell helicopter. It suddenly turned right and cut the course of the Iranian helicopter. This action of the United States helicopter; intercepting the helicopter belonging to the Iranian Helicopter Services Agency is a violation of recognized international laws and clear aggression of the sovereignty of an independent State.

Therefore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests these unlawful, obstinate and unjustifiable actions which are contrary to all government treaties that are in accordance with international rules and demands that they be stopped at once.

Evidently, the United States Government would be fully responsible for the consequences of these actions.